



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/716,474 Confirmation No. 6873  
Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al  
Filed : November 20, 2003  
Title : A CROSS-CONTAMINATION PREVENTION SYSTEM AND  
AUTOMATIC ANALYZER WHICH EQUIP FOR IT  
TC/AU : 3629  
Examiner : M.S. Meyers  
Docket No. : KAS-195  
Customer No.: 24956

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and appropriate fee also accompany this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Appendix** including the certified priority document (JP 2002-337355) is attached following page 11 of this paper.